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Onion Planting & Harvest

You'll need ½ lb of onions to plant a 25' row.

1. Place your onion bulbs in well-ventilated, cool area until you can plant or as soon as ground can be worked. If onion plants appear dried out, rehydrate them by placing roots in saucer of water for 24 hours (don't submerge the bulb though).
2. Choose full sun location with good drainage, adding compost. Plant onions 4 in. apart, 1 in. deep, in rows 12 in. apart. Or plant in clusters of 6 to force them to be scallions (bunching onions) and harvest within 2-3 months.
3. Water your plants thoroughly and immediately after planting. During the season, if you can feel moisture when you stick your finger in ground up to first knuckle, then the onions are wet enough (will have stronger taste if grown too dry). Use drip irrigation rather than an overhead sprinkler system, which may promote the spread of disease.

Best cultivars: Yellow– best winter storage, Walla Walla– the original sweet onion, best for immediate use.